



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
Regular Meeting of Monday, April 28, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

AGENDA

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	All present except Vice Mayor Garcia. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2.	Invocation	Offered by Councilman Youngs.
	Salute to the Flag	The audience participated.
3.	Awards & Presentations	
3A)	Golf Course Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2006/2007	Néstor Caballero of Alberni Caballero & Castellanos, L.L.P., the City's Auditors presented the Golf Course Financial Report for FY06/07.
3B)	First Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2007/2008	Finance Director L. Robinson presented the 1Q financial report for FY 07/08.
3C)	Media Center Construction	Staff from Springview Elementary presented their plans for the construction of the Media Center. Motion: Councilman Youngs Second: Councilman Best Vote: 4-0
3D)	Easter Seals South Florida, Inc.	Angela Aracena, Director, Adult Day Services, from Easter Seals South Florida, distributed brochures and gave a presentation regarding their services.

3E) Proclamation: Hialeah-Miami
Springs Rotary Club Day

Mayor Bain proclaimed April 28, 2008 to be
Hialeah-Miami Springs Rotary Club Day.

4. Open Forum:

Rain Barrels

Dr. Mel Johnson of 109 South Royal
Poinciana Boulevard was glad that Council
voted to look into the grant for the rain
barrel water conservation project. He said
that as long as the barrels that the Mayor
offered are food grade, water tight and in
good shape he has a sponsor for them.

Gymnasium

Dr. Mel Johnson stated that the estimate to
build the steel gymnasium changed from
\$1.6 to \$6MM. He would like to know the
actual cost, what the City will get for \$6MM
and where are the architectural
specifications essential to the usual and
customary bidding process.

Park Restrooms

Dr. Mel Johnson wondered why the cost to
build the park restrooms comes out to more
than \$250.00 per square foot according to
his measurements, while the cost per square
foot in a house is \$125.00. He would like
clarification as to why the City cannot build
a structure for the same price. Dr. Johnson
also asked why the restrooms were built
without electric, water and sewer
connections included. It was originally
thought that the work could be done in-
house, which is not the case and now there is
an additional \$70,000 expense.

Country Club Utilities

Dr. Mel Johnson asked if the City is paying
for any of Mr. Santana's utilities at the
Country Club, and if so, he would like to
know how much the City is paying and if the
provision is included in the contract. He
would like to know the name of the
electrician that did the electrical work and
justification that the service was separated.

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Park Restrooms

Dr. Mel Johnson asked if it was known that the ground conditions were too low to support the restroom construction prior to building and why this was not originally disclosed. A friend of his is a local contractor who could bring both bathrooms up to flood plain for less than \$5,000, while the City paid \$38,500.

Mayor Bain stated that he would try to have a report answering all the questions before the next meeting.

Springs River Festival

Helen Lawrence of 641 Nightingale Avenue stated that she could hear loud music coming from the Springs River Festival at the Circle on Saturday night. She suggested that the music should stop at 11:00 p.m. She complained that there were cigarette butts in front of the Miami Springs Pharmacy on Sunday morning.

Library Renovations

Helen Lawrence asked for help to expedite the Library renovation because it was supposed to be finished in eighteen months and now it seems it will be another year before it is finished.

Park Restrooms

Robert Schultz of 100 Sunset Way stated that his family is involved in the construction business and there is a substantial price difference between commercial and residential construction due to commercial grade equipment, code and ADA compliance requirements.

Community Center Bids

Robert Schultz stated that the four bids received for the Community Center were close in price. He said that \$1.6 million was mentioned this evening and during the last election the figures he heard ranged from \$20 million to \$26 million, which were inflated.

4) **Community Center Bids
(Continued)**

Mr. Schultz is sure that Council will carefully consider the proposals to make sure every contractor is legitimate. The Community Center is a big issue that should be carefully reviewed.

Skateboard Park

Robert Schultz commended the skateboarders for their show of support for the skateboard park. He urged them to continue to be involved in City government.

Library Renovation

Martin Crossland of 900 Plover Avenue informed Council that he spoke with a library official who told him that the renovation work had not yet commenced. He called the Miami-Dade County Library and was told that the work was put out to bid, the last contract fell through and the work should commence by July 1st with a completion date of May 2009. Mr. Crossland asked if there is anything the City could do to help.

5. **Approval of Council Minutes**

5A) 03/31/2008 Special Meeting

Minutes of the March 31, 2008 Special Meeting were **approved as written**.

Motion: Councilman Best

Second: Councilman Youngs

Vote: 4-0

6. **Reports from Boards & Commissions**

6A) General Employees'
Retirement System

Minutes of the February 7, 2008 General Employees' Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) Police Officers and Firefighters'
Retirement System

Minutes of the February 7, 2008 Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement System meeting were received for information without comment.

6C)	Board of Parks and Parkways	Minutes of the April 10, 2008 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting were received for information without comment.
6D)	Golf and Country Club Advisory Board	Cancellation Notice of the April 16, 2008 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.
6E)	Historic Preservation Board	Minutes of the April 17, 2008 Historic Preservation Board meeting were received for information. The item referred by the Board for Council consideration will be scheduled as an agenda item for the next regular meeting scheduled for May 12, 2008.
7.	Public Hearings:	None
8.	Consent Agenda:	None
9.	Old Business:	
9A)	Merit Increase: City Clerk	Council tabled this item (Vice Mayor Garcia was not present)
9B)	Appointments to Advisory Boards	None
9C)	Areas Available for Park Space	Council received a report detailing areas available in the City for park space.
9D)	Creation of a Skateboard Park	Council discussed the creation of a skateboard park. Council directed the Administration to present a report showing costs and a plan for a skateboard park to be located close to the dog park.
9E)	Water Conservation	Council received notification that an application for a grant has been filed.
9F)	Fair Havens Chiller Noise	Council received a status report regarding the Fair Havens Chiller noise.

- 9G) New Community Center Bids Council **received** a report regarding the bids submitted for the new Community Center and **scheduled** a Special Meeting for Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the presentation of the four bidders.
- 10. New Business:**
- 10A) Recycling Methods Council **received** a report regarding changes in the recycling methods of the County.
- 10B) Resolution – Schedule of Charges:
Golf and Country Club Council **adopted** a resolution amending the Schedule of Charges and fees for the operation of the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club (**Resolution No. 2008-3395**)
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilman Youngs
Vote: 4-0
- 10C) Sign Plan Review: Case #01-ZP-08
Federico Fernández Council **approved** the placement of two high non-projecting wall signs and one ground sign at a business located at 901 South Royal Poinciana Boulevard.
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilman Youngs
Vote: 4-0
- 10D) First Reading – Ordinance: Amending
§150-041 – R-1A District On first reading, Council **approved** an ordinance amending Section 150-041, R-1A District, by expanding the definition of ATotal Rear Yard Area@ for use in computing ABuilding Occupancy@ of rear yard areas of residential properties.
Motion: Councilman Dotson
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 4-0

- 10E) Resolution: Grant – State of FL – Department of Agriculture
- Council **adopted** a resolution to enter into an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry (**Resolution No. 2008-3396**)
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Councilman Dotson
Vote: 4-0
- 11. Other Business:**
- 11A) Rescheduling of Council Meeting
- Council **re-scheduled** the May 26, 2008 meeting to Wednesday, May 28, 2008 due to the Memorial Day Holiday.
- 12. Reports & Recommendations:**
- 12A) City Attorney
- None
- 12B) City Manager
- Water and Sewer Transfer**
- City Manager Borgmann reported that a package of documents was received from Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (WASA) regarding the potential transfer of the water and sewer system. He and the City Attorney will review the documents and a meeting is scheduled with WASA at their office on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. Council will receive a report of the findings and the status of the final resolution.
- F.E.M.A. Reimbursement**
- City Manager Borgmann stated that the City received a check from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) in the amount of \$83,496.00. He explained that the combination of the checks received totaled over \$400,000.

12B)

Legislative Requests

City Manager Borgmann reported that the City's legislative items are moving through the Senate and House budgets and hopefully they will stand up to the Governor's approval.

Shuttle Bus

City Manager Borgmann announced that the Shuttle Bus service would begin on Thursday, May 1st and the information would be posted on the City's website with a brochure for distribution. He explained that the route takes approximately one hour from start to finish.

Annexation

City Manager Borgmann referred to a proposed County ordinance requiring mediation when there are two municipalities who cannot agree on a piece of land to be annexed. He spoke with the County and they said that the ordinance would apply only to future cases.

City Manager Borgmann stated that many comments had been circulating about the Florida East Coast (F.E.C.) property. F.E.C. recently purchased the Codina Group, including three or four parcels and none were near the F.E.C. yard. The F.E.C. Railroad was purchased by Rail American and the Administration is still researching the time table for the plans for development. The F.E.C. Rail yard was excluded from the City's annexation application and there are concerns about the Terminal ordinance.

State Farm Grant Application

City Manager Borgmann stated that a grant application was filed with State Farm for the traffic calming project on Curtiss Parkway from the incoming bridge.

Arbor Day

City Manager Borgmann reported that the Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

12B)	Springs River Festival	City Manager Borgmann congratulated all workers and volunteers who donated their time to make the Springs River Festival a great success.
	Orange Bowl Committee	City Manager Borgmann announced that he was inducted into the membership of the Orange Bowl Committee, which is a privilege of becoming the Junior Orange Bowl President.
12C)	City Council	
	F.E.C. Property	Councilman Best stated that when he was in Tallahassee he heard that the sale of the Florida East Coast (F.E.C) property had not come to fruition. He had the opportunity to visit the rail yard with a friend of his and he spoke with the Yard Master who supported the information that the property was sold.
	Skateboard Park Supporters	Councilman Best was very impressed with the kids who attended the meeting to make their point about the skateboard park.
	Gymnasium Proposal	Councilman Best asked the City Manager to find out if the Lemartec proposal includes solar panels on the roof.
	Police Benevolent Association Agreement	Councilman Dotson requested a copy of the agreement with the Police Benevolent Association (P.B.A.).
	Memorial Dedication	Mayor Bain thanked everyone who participated in the dedication of the memorial monument during the Springs River Festival and City Manager Borgmann for the information he presented at the ceremony.
	Pelican Playhouse	Mayor Bain attended the Pelican Playhouse production of the “Princess Plays” and he laughed all night. It is nice to see the kids participating.

12C)	Food Program	<p>Mayor Bain stated that Max Milam of Milam's Market is proposing to implement a program for helping those in need.</p> <p>City Manager Borgmann said that Mr. Milam asked if there is an organization that operates a food bank that he could donate food to and he asked Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson to research the matter. Mr. Milam also suggested that he could implement a program for customers to make donations with the cashiers once or twice year to help groups that provide food for those in need.</p>
	Congratulations	<p>Mayor Bain congratulated Finance Director Leacroft Robinson on his first presentation of the financial statements.</p>
	Arbor Day	<p>Mayor Bain said that he received a request from Susan Baan for a donation of two trees in recognition of Arbor Day.</p>
	Virginia Gardens Police Appreciation Banquet	<p>Mayor Bain attended the Police Appreciation Banquet for the Village of Virginia Gardens. He spoke with the Miami Springs Optimist Club about holding the Miami Springs Respect for Law Dinner at the Country Club and he is looking for Council support for assistance in funding the event. He said that Virginia Gardens raised funds through the community businesses and the Optimist Club made a substantial donation. Mayor Bain clarified for the record that Virginia Gardens has a full-time Police Department and they also hire part-timers.</p>
	Springs River Festival	<p>Mayor Bain stated that he enjoyed the Springs River Festival event.</p>
13.	Adjourn	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.</p>